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NEWS RELEASE

LAW PROFESSOR SENTENCED FOR FAILING TO FILE TAX RETURNS

Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom announced that Robin Kimberly Magee, age 48 of St. Paul, was sentenced today to 80 hours community work service, a \$300 fine and placed on probation for two years by Ramsey County Judge Salvador Rosas in connection with a February 8th conviction by a Ramsey County Jury to four counts of Failure to File a Tax Return (all gross misdemeanors) pertaining to her failure to file tax returns from 2004-2007. Backstrom said his Office handled the matter on a conflict basis for the Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

Backstrom indicated that his Office dismissed multiple felony charges alleging the failure to file tax returns or filing false or fraudulent tax returns after further investigation revealed that Ms. Magee was not willfully attempting to avoid paying her taxes. She nonetheless failed to file tax returns for these years which is a gross misdemeanor. Ms. Magee was a law professor at Hamline Law School at the time these charges were filed (her current status at this institution is unknown).

The complete facts pertaining to these charges are contained in the amended criminal complaint which is available at <http://services.co.dakota.mn.us/ComplaintSearch>.

Backstrom commented: "We are pleased Ms. Magee has been held accountable for her failure to follow our tax laws." Backstrom praised the Minnesota Department of Revenue for its thorough investigation into this matter. Backstrom also praised Assistant County Attorney Helen Brosnahan, who prosecuted the case.

If you have questions, contact James Backstrom at 651-438-4440.